

unbynding/ you art unbound fro  
a wyf. nyle you seke a wyf/ but  
if you haue takē a wyf. you haue  
not syned. & if an auyden is wed  
did. she synede not. nepeles  
liche schulen hane tribulaciō  
of fleulth/ but I spare you/ per  
fore byperē I sepe pis pig. pe  
tyme is sthort/ anoyer is pis.  
p. pei pat han wyues. be as pouz  
pei hadde noone. & pei pat wepe.  
as pei wepten not. And pei pat ioy  
en. as pei ioyeden not. & pei pat  
byen. as pei hadde not. & pei pat  
vlen pis word. as pei pat vlen  
not. forwhi ye figur of pis wor  
ld passy/ but I wole pat ze be  
wyoute bysynesse/ for he pat is  
wyoute wyf. is bysynesse. what pigis  
ben of pe lord. how he schal plese  
god/ but he pat is wyf a wyf.  
is bysynesse. what pigis ben of pe wor  
ld how he schal plese pe wyf. & he  
is departyd. and a wōman/ vn  
weddid & mayden peny what  
pigis ben of pe lord. & she be hoo  
ly in body & spirit/ but she pat  
is weddid peny what pigis be  
of pe world. how she schal plese  
pe holebōde. And I sepe pes pi  
gis to you. p. fyt. not p. I caste  
to you a snar. but to pat pat is  
honest & p. zynne e synesse wy  
outen lettynge to make preieris  
to pe lord. & if ony mā gessy hy  
hile to be seyn foul on his vngy.  
pat she is ful wōm. & so it biho  
uey to be don. do she pat p. she  
wole/ she synne not. if she be  
weddid/ for he pat ordeynede aa  
bly in his herte. not hange ne  
de. but hange poiber of his  
wille & har demed in his herte

pis rig to kepe his virgyn. do  
p. wel. p. fore he pat joynye his  
virgyn in matrimony. dōp wel  
and he pat joynye not. dōp bet  
ter. pe wōman is bound to pe  
lanke. as long tyme as hir hole  
bōde luyne. & if hir holebōde is  
deed. she is deliuerid fro pe la  
nke of pe holebōde. be she weddid  
to whom she wole. conly in pe  
lord but she schal be more blestid.  
if she deliuey p. as p. my con  
cel. & I weene. p. I haue pe  
bryt of god. **C. viii.**  
**B**ut of pes pigis pat ben  
lacrified to ydols. we  
witen. for alle we han kynnys  
but kynnys. blawp charite edy  
fiep but if ony mā gessy p. he  
kan ony pig. he har not zit kuo  
we how it bihouey hym to kuo  
ne. and if ony mā louey god.  
pis is knouen of hy. but of met  
pat ben offrid to ydols. we wite  
p. an ydol is no pig in pe world.  
& p. per is no god. but oon for you.  
p. ben sūme pat ben seid goddis.  
epir in heuene epir in erpe. as  
per ben many goddis & many  
lordis. nepeles to us is o god/ pe  
fadir of whom ben alle pigis. &  
we in hym. & o lord ihu crist. by  
whō ben alle pigis. & we by hy  
but not in alle mē is kynnys. for  
sū me wyf cōscience of ydol. til  
nois eten as pig offrid to ydols.  
& her cōscience is defouled. for it  
is lyk mete comēdy us not to  
god. for ney we schulen faye. if  
we eten not. ney if we eten. we  
schulen hane plente. but se ze  
lest perauentur. pis you leue.  
be mand hūtyng to sūt mē for

if ony man schal se hy pat har  
kynnys. etyge in a place wher  
ydols ben wōldhyd. wher his cō  
science synen it is lyk schal not  
be edified to ete pigis offrid to  
ydols. & ye syke brop for whom  
crist diede. schal perithe in yk  
nyg. for yus ze hange asens hu  
pen. & smytige her syke cōscien  
ce. synen asens crist. wherfore  
if mete standy my broyr. &  
schal neide ete fleulth. lest I alai  
de my broyer. **C. ix.**  
**W**hy I am not fre. am  
I not apostle. wher I  
say not ihu crist our lord.  
wher ze ben not my werk in pe  
lord. & youz to ope I am not apost  
le. but nepeles to you I am. for ze  
ben pe lyde signe of myn apost  
leshed in pe lord. my defense to he  
pat aren me. pat is. wher we  
han not poiber to ete & drynke.  
wher we han not poiber to lede  
aboute a wōman a hilt. as also  
ope apostlis & bypen of pe lord  
& cefas. & I aloone & barnabas.  
han not poiber to worche pes  
pigis. who tranely ony tyme  
wy hile owne bagis. who plan  
ty a vynezard. & ety not of his  
fryt. who kep a floc. & ety  
not of pe mylk of pe floc. wher  
astur mā I sepe pes pigis. wher  
also pe lanke leu not pes pigis.  
for it is wōm in pe lanke of moy  
ses. p. schalt not bynde pe mony  
of pe ore pat preithy. wher  
of crī is charge to god. wher  
for us he leu pes pigis. for p. ca  
why. po ben wōm for us. heed  
for he pat erp. ower to ere.  
in hope. & he pat preithy. in

hope to ete frytis. if we so  
iben spiritual pigis to you. is it  
greet if we repen.oure fleulth  
ly pigis. if ope ben parteneris  
of you poiber. why not rafe  
we. but we vlen not pis poiber.  
but we suffren alle pigis. p. we  
synne nolettig to pe euangelye  
of crist. wite ze not p. pei pat wō  
chen i pe temple. eten po pigis  
pat ben of pe temple. & pei pat  
serue to pe auter. ben partene  
ris of pe auter. so pe lord ordey  
nete to hem pat tellen pe gospel.  
to hme of pe gospel. but I. wher  
noone of pes pigis. & I wōot not  
pes pigis. p. po be don so in me.  
for it is good to me rafe to dye.  
van p. ony mā anoyde my glorie.  
for if I preche pe gospel. glorie  
is not to me. for nete lyth I moot  
don it. for who to me. if I preche  
not pe gospel. but if I do pis pig  
isfully. I haue meede. but if  
asens my wille. dispendig is  
brakū to me. what pāne is my  
meede. p. I prechige pe gospel.  
putte pe gospel wyoute operis  
cost. p. I vle not my poiber in  
pe gospel. forwhi whāne I was  
fre of alle mē. I made me ser  
uant of alle mē. to wyne pe mo  
me. & to ieris. I am mad as a  
reus. to wyne pe ieris to hem  
pat ben vnder pe lanke. as I we  
pe vnder pe lanke. whie I was  
not vnder pe lanke. to wyne he  
pat weren vnder pe lanke. to  
hem pat weren wyoute lanke.  
as I wet wyoute pe lanke. whā  
I leue ne I was not wyoute  
p. pei pat pe lanke of god. but I  
knouen was in pe lanke of